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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 16, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 16, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of redirecting a web page request, comprising the steps of:

receiving at a CGI script an old URL specified by a web browser;

mapping said old URL to a new URL based on a data owner specified mapping accessible from said CGI script; [[and]]

outputting said new URL to said web browser[[]];

receiving said old URL at a web server;

determining that said old URL is associated with said CGI script;

passing said old URL to said CGI script; and

parsing said old URL to identify a higher level URL in said old URL, and using said higher level URL to determine that said old URL is associated with said CGI script;

wherein said step of passing said old URL to said associated CGI script comprises the step of using a redirect directive in a web server configuration file on said web server.

Claims 2-4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of associating a message with at least one data owner specified mapping of an old URL to a new URL.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of outputting said associated message to said web browser.

Claims 7-16 (cancelled)

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending in the Application. Claims 2-4 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Hence, claims 1, 5 and 6 are pending in the Application. Applicants cancelled claims 2-4 only to expedite the issuance of claims 1, 5 and 6 and are not in response to Examiner's cited art. Applicants are not conceding in this application that cancelled claims 2-4 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating the expeditious prosecution of the subject matter (claims 1, 5 and 6) indicated by the Examiner as being allowable (see below). Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these (claims 2-4) and other claims (original filed claims 1, 5 and 6) in one or more continuation patent applications.

Claim 1 was amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 3 and 4. The amendments made to claim 1 were to advance prosecution and are not an admission that these amendments were necessary to overcome the Examiner's cited art. Hence, no prosecution history estoppel arises from the amendments to claim 1. *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705, 1711-12 (2002); 56 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1870 (Fed. Cir. 2000). Further, the amendments made to claim 1 were not made for a substantial reason related to patentability and therefore no prosecution history estoppel arises from such amendments. *See Festo Corp.*, 62 U.S.P.Q.2d 1705 at 1707 (2002); *Warner-Jenkinson Co. v. Hilton Davis Chemical Co.*, 41 U.S.P.Q.2d 1865, 1873 (1997).

Applicants thank Examiner Abdullahi for discussing the case with Applicants' Attorney, Bobby Voigt, on November 3, 2008. Examiner Abdullahi indicated that claims 1, 5 and 6 were allowable in light of the present amendments made to claim 1.

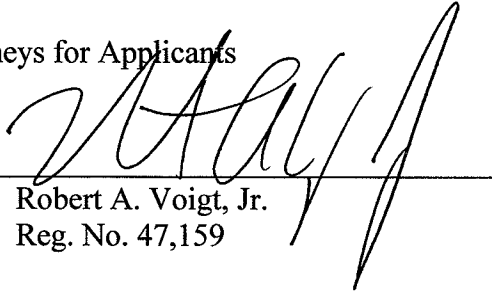
As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1, 5 and 6 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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